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Subject: RE: A couple questions on sampling/testing of private wells

Hi David,

As of our last verbal contact (09/09/17) with CDC, Dr. Ritter was still working on the ESF-8 MA. On 09/10/2017, we received a private well disinfection and sampling proposal from CDC. The proposal includes community liaisons from EPA as well as CDC and Texas. I believe that the order for ~1000 (It may have been more like 800) was made. As far as I'm aware, we have not returned them. CDC is interested in a conference call today to discuss the proposal. We are holding off having the call this morning until we receive further information on the remaining counties.

Thanks.

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Hi Taimur,

I saw this paragraph below in the R6 Situation Report. Can you elaborate more given the efforts last week? For example:

Does this mean there will not be a mission assignment for HHS/CDC under ESF#8 to help with the sampling/testing effort?

Are there community liaisons dispatched to help provide technical assistance on this effort?

Are they staffed by HHS/CDC or EPA or other agency staff?

Did EPA decide to cancel that order of 1000 kits for coliform analysis (you mentioned this after

talking with Jim Brown)?

Any information would be helpful. Thanks.

David

"EPA continues make contact with the remaining 18 counties regarding private water well testing and our research indicates that private well testing is available across the state for a nominal fee. EPA has confirmed 21 of the 39 disaster declaration counties are currently providing private well testing for area residents. Texas Department of State Health Services also offer bacteria testing for \$28 through the state lab. The TCEQ website provides public information and a list of NELAP Accredited Labs for well owners to analyze water samples for a fee."